

Optical Properties of Polyimide Films Implanted with Ni⁺ Ions

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Abstract

Transmission and reflection spectra of polyimide films 40-μm thick implanted with 40-keV Ni⁺ ions at fluences $2.5 \cdot 10^{16}$ – $1.5 \cdot 10^{17}$ cm⁻² and ion-beam current density 4, 8, and 12 μA/cm² were studied in the range 200–1100 nm. It was shown that the optical transmission coefficient decreased smoothly after implantation as a result of light absorption and scattering in the modified polymer layer containing nano-sized inclusions of C and Ni. The appearance of a broad reflection band in the range 700–1100 nm in spectra from the implanted polymer and the reverse side of the polymer was due to a high Ni content in the implanted layer. The refractive index of the modified implanted polymer layer that varied in the range 1.25–2.32 at 620 nm depending on the fluence was determined by modeling the passage of light through the bilayer modified layer/polymer matrix taking into account multiple reflections at the interfaces. © 2014 Springer Science+Business Media New York.

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